

# REAL ESTATE

AND

## Home Improvement NEWS

### Plans Approved For New Station

Plans and specifications for the new Watson-Dominguez Fire Station No. 127 have been approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace said the county will advertise immediately for bids. The contract is expected to be awarded in February, with completion of the new station due by the end of the year.

The new station will be located at 2060 E. 223rd St., about 600 feet east of the Wilmington Avenue intersection with 223rd Street.

It will provide improved fire protection to one of the

### Torrance Success Story Cited by U.S. Chamber

Torrance downtown redevelopment is featured in a publication by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. The booklet, "Some Community Development Success Stories," features development programs of some 60 different communities.

In addition to downtown redevelopment, some of the success stories deal with housing rehabilitation, cultural center development, and civic center development, according to J. Walker Owens, general manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The ability of local communities to advance with a minimum of federal aid is the common theme in all the success stories covered in narra-

### New Industrial Survey Available From Chamber

A basic fact sheet for industrial development in Torrance has been revised and published for nationwide distribution by the Industrial Development Committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Bruce Jones, Chamber President, has announced.

The Standard Industrial Survey Summary is a four-page report of all the basic industrial facts on the community. Format is standardized over the entire state for the purpose of comparisons between various California communities.

Comparisons are made in 15 general classifications, including location, climate, transportation, industrial sites, industrial water supply, utilities, population growth and trends, governmental facilities, labor market area, characteristics of the labor force, wage rates, housing, community facilities, manufacturing, and non-manufacturing.

### Group Urges Action on Key Issues

All members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce should become acquainted with three key issues now before the Congress, Robert German, chairman of the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee, said today.

German, who represents Magnavox Research Laboratories in Torrance, said the committee urges all members to become acquainted with bills affecting compensation and wage and hours laws, and with the efforts to repeal Section 14-b of the Taft-Hartley Act.

All of the issues will have material effects on the operation of businesses and each firm should determine specifically how they will affect individual businesses. The committee urged chamber members to communicate with Senators Thomas Kuchel and George Murphy and with Congressmen Cecil King and Alphonzo Bell.

German said the Governmental Affairs Committee worked vigorously last session in opposition to efforts to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act's Section 14-b.

### New Times Slated for Commission

Future meetings of the Lomita Traffic Commission will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, William Bean, chairman, has announced.

Sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Lomita City Hall, 25332 Narbonne Ave., Bean said. Previous meetings have been held at 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

Members of the commission include Elbridge Blake, who serves as vice chairman, and Helen Hironymous, Brian McBride, and Keith Pischel.

**PHI BETA KAPPA**  
Robert G. Healy, 1601 El Prado St., has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at UCLA. Healy is one of 51 UCLA students elected to membership in the liberal arts' scholastic honor society.

## Assessor Files Petition Asking For Rehearing on Estimate Rule

County Assessor Philip E. Watson's petition for a rehearing of the Supreme Court decision ordering him to give advance assessment estimates to the school district was filed this week by Deputy County Counsel A. R. Early.

Watson, who had challenged the constitutionality of the law, said the petition raises significant new legal questions arising out of the Court's written opinion, as well as challenging the verdict on grounds it was based on misstatements of fact, "judicial speculation," and on matters never argued by either side before the Court.

The Assessor said the most startling proposition in the Court's opinion was that it is the duty of a school district to prepare a budget which will utilize as much money as the maximum tax rate will permit.

"OUR PETITION challenges this proposition," Watson said. "It is our contention that it is the duty of a school

district to prepare a budget that will enable it to perform its educational duties for the coming year. Nowhere can we find any express or implied law requiring that this budget must be large enough to utilize as much money as the maximum tax rate will permit."

The Court decision also said that, for lack of an estimate from the Assessor, the Los Angeles City School District budget last year called for a tax rate "which turned out to be significantly below

the maximum permitted by law."

THE ACTUAL tax rate, \$2,398, was one cent below the maximum ceiling of \$2.65, Watson said.

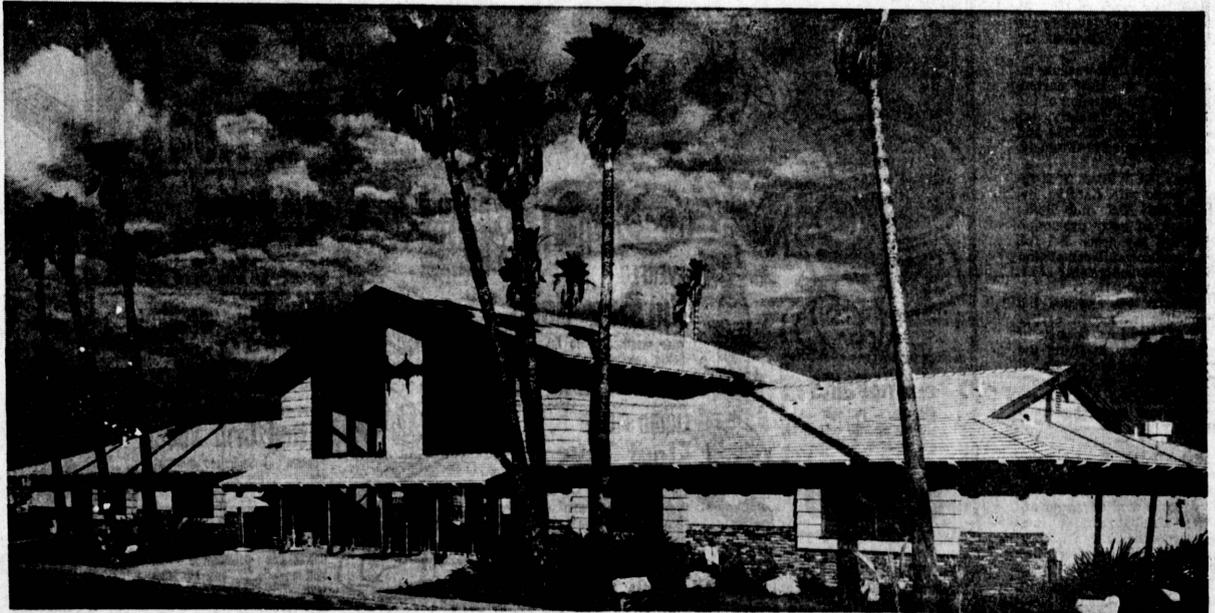
"If this difference is to be considered as significant, as the Court stated, I submit that the best estimates my office could prepare by May 15 would be subject to far, far greater error," he said.

Other points challenged in the Assessor's petition were the ability of the department to make accurate estimates

### Plans for New Roads Approved

Plans and specifications for street construction serving 22 new homesites in a tract near Wilmington Avenue and 213th Street have been approved by the county.

Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace said the \$30,000 street costs will be borne by the tract developer. The work will include grading, paving, and installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks.



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